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Subject: Lexus All Weather Floor Mats - IR Response Submitted to NHTSA.

Today TMA submitted the response to NHTSA's inquiry regarding PE07-016, an investigation into the Lexus ES350 All Weather Floor Mats. In the response, we explain our position regarding the issue of installing more than one floor mat in the driver footwell at the same time.

Toyota has received complaints from owners of 38 vehicles regarding unintended acceleration. Eight crashes were reported to have happened. Some owners noted that more than one floor mat was installed in the driver footwell at the time of the incident. It is unclear, and Toyota cannot determine, if the dealers or the customers are installing more than one floor mat in the vehicle at the same time. Placing the all weather floor mat on top of the carpeted floor mat leaves it unrestrained, as normally it is held in place by the floor clips. In such an instance, the all weather floor mat could slide forward and interfere with the accelerator pedal.

Toyota began an owner notification last month in order to remind owners not to install more than one floor mat at the same time and has modified the mat to enlarge the warning that is already embossed on the front side. In addition, the retail packaging now includes a hang tag that attaches through the clip hole, to be removed by the owner prior to installation. The letter is attached below. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

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